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Chapter 46

Sigh~~

AOI,

IF YOU DON'T EAT AT LEAST A LITTLE, YOU'LL BE HUNGRY LATER!

.....

THAT'S RIGHT, THE TWINS MEMO...

Maybe something will be written there...

...

AH.

Morning - Breakfast Time

When Aoi-kun doesn't have an appetite, he won't eat out of a bowl. Instead, give it to him as onigiri and he'll usually eat it. So that he doesn't overeat, make sure you...

DAZED

oo

Zzz oo

Don't need food.

HOW ABOUT THIS?

LOOK.

AOI,

The "mothers" of the world...

are they always having such a hard time like this...?

ぱく

もぐ…

CHOMP

AKANE!

Hm?

AREN'T I ALWAYS TELLING YOU TO QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD?! REMEMBER WHEN YOU ATE SO MANY STRAWBERRIES YOU THREW UP?!

'S'okay.

IT'S NOT OKAY!!

Hoo—!

Boing

And don't stuff your mouth!

YOU JUST HAD BREAKFAST, DIDN'T YOU?!

Eat bread too!

It would all come back up out her mouth.

It seems as though, if I were to give her a hug

At the same time in Hokkaido...

While Matsunaga was

being played around with by the twins as usual.

WAH!

TODAY IS GLASS-CRAFTING.
I'm looking forward to it.

Oka—y!

WHEN THE TIME COMES, EACH GROUP WILL ENTER THE WORK-SHOP ONE AT A TIME.

ANYONE WHO HURRIES WILL BE SENT TO THE BACK OF THE LINE!

UNTIL THEN, YOU HAVE FREE TIME.

MAYBE I SHOULD BUY ONE TO BRING HOME AS A SOU-VENIR...

I WONDER HOW THEY MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

THE STAINED GLASS IS SO PRETTY——!

IT...

IT'S PRETTY, ISN'T IT?

There are so many different colors!

SUSPICIOUS, ISN'T IT?

YEAH, YOSHI-SAN.

DID YOU JUST SEE WHAT I SAW, KOYAMA-SAN?

...

Oh—

Ehh——?!

TURN

Why..?!

WH... WHAT?! ALL OF A SUDDEN...?!

EH?!

SHIHARU!

What makes you think that?

CONFESSED TO BY KAWAHARA-KUN!!

DURING THIS SCHOOL TRIP, YOU WILL BE

THAT KIND OF THING...! DECIDING SO ALL BY YOURSELF IS RUDE TO KAWAHA-RA-KUN!

HIS BEHAVIOR SINCE YESTER-DAY, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S GOT TO BE LOVE, RIGHT?!

Biei

ALRIGHT.

SEND.

.....

Is it a bit too persistant...?

Yesterday, too, I was the one who contacted her first...

No. wait...

LEAVE ME ALONE!

SHUT UP!

ERK...!

Wahoo

IS IT A GIRL?!

NAO—— WHY ARE YOU MAKING SUCH A TROUBLED FACE WHILE SENDING MAIL—— ?

I'M GOING OVER THERE!

BOING

NA——

O——

-KYUN!

♡

DOKI

Avoid

LUNGE

SHARK

...

SO YOU WERE LOOKING AT THE FLOWERS, WERE YOU?

THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SHY.♡

JEEZ, NAO-KUN...

FWOOSH

WHOA, IT'S SO COLD!

EVEN IF THIS IS THE NORTHERN-MOST PART OF THE COUNTRY

THIS IS NOT NORMAL WEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER!

BRRR

YOU BITCH!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING, GIVE IT BACK!!

I AM PUTTING THIS ON

♡

GRAB

!?

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

CHUCK

Hey!

HAYAMI, WHAT DID YOU JUST THROW?!

PICK IT UP!

It was garbage, wasn't it?!

Wah~ Nao-kun nice p tching

ALRIGHT!

NOW IT'S A MATCHING PAIR WITH MINE.

RIP

I ♥ HOKKAIDO

IT'S AN ICE CREAM CELL PHONE STRAP.♡

A limited-edition item from Hokkaido only

Glass Workshop

3 BLOW

Thank you very much!

Phew— It was hot in there—

IT INFLATED!

PUFF

MANUFACTURING SURE INVOLVES A LOT OF WORK, HUH!

THEY SAID THEY'LL SHIP THE FINISHED PRODUCTS TO THE SCHOOL FOR US.

KAWAHARA-KUN...!

NAKAMURA-SAN.

Eh...

COULD WE SPEAK FOR A MINUTE,

JUST THE TWO OF US...?

Just the two of us?

THEN, WE'LL GO AHEAD——

It's fine with me, but...

SURE.

Grin

Eh?!

No Eh ?

That is

It can't be?!

But, this atmosphere—

UM...

B...because Rio was saying that,

I got kind of "self-conscious."

You're going to be confessed to!!

YES?!

NA...

NAKAMURA-SAN!

No way—!

Oh what should I do?!

COME ON, KNOCK IT OFF—

Whoooaa

For real—?!

A real "fe'love confession"?

Peeping

To...

HERE...

A letter—?!

COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE IT TO KOYAMA YUKINA-SAN...?

C...

Koyama Yukina

YES.

AREN'T THERE ANY HUGE HOLES IN HOKKAIDO? OR CAVES OR CAVERNS OR ANYTHING...?!

I'd like to crawl inside one for a while...

I'm sorry——

SORRY SHIHARU...

JEEZ, IT'S BECAUSE YOU GOT HER THINKING ABOUT WEIRD THINGS, RIO——...

HOW EMBARRASSING --!

Biei Youth Hostel

It's just an email.

so what am I hesitating for...?

Her again.

huh?

ぺたん

THUD

NA

O

-KYUN.

♡

Aw.

♡

I WON'T LET YOU GO!

ぱっ

YANK

DON'T CLING TO ME!

WHAT IS YOUR DEAL...?! ALWAYS POPPING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE...

ばたばた!!

LET GO OF ME!!

Heh

BEING SPOKEN TO LIKE THAT, SHE'LL GET OVER ME FOR SURE.

It's only natural.

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE CAUSING A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR ME?!

A NUISANCE,

THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE.

YOU'RE SO COOL...

STICK

I LOVE NAO-KYUN THE BEST AFTER ALL!

What is there to like?!

Who would take you seriously?!

AREN'T YOU THROWING AROUND THE WORLD "LOVE" A LITTLE TOO FRIVOLOUSLY?!

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.

WHEN YOU LOVE SOMEONE,

YOU ALWAYS WANT TO TELL THEM THAT YOU LOVE THEM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.♡

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

IT WOULD BE NORMAL TO BE MORE HESITANT, RIGHT?

IF YOU WERE SERIOUS,

...YOU

If your feelings are sincere, then with the utmost gravity

you'll imagine

picture a result that you don't want to consider

and halt, won't you ?!

the other person's response.

?

...

AND BECAUSE I WAS DRAGGING MY FEET THEY WERE TAKEN BY SOMEONE ELSE, I WOULDN'T LIKE IT.

IT'S BECAUSE I'M SERIOUS?

IF, ALTHOUGH I LIKE THAT PERSON, I HESITATED

Someone else....

NO ONE BUT NAO-KYUN CAN SEE!

OH NO~~

:

WAIT JUST A MINUTE!!

PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!

YOU'RE [illegible] AROUND IN THAT KIND OF GETUP AGAIN...?!

は？

AH!

MORI-KAWA...

No matter

when,

with all your

strength...?

YEAH.

FROM KAWAHARA-KUN?

EH?

A LETTER FOR ME...?

I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT.

THANK YOU, SHIHARU.

.....

RUSTLE

HMM?...

BA-THUMP

If it were me, I'd definitely get completely nervous..

A letter from a boy...

I've never received one, but...

She's so mature..!

Yukina...

Matsunaga
From: Seiji-san
Subject: Good Evening
Would it be okay to talk on the phone for a bit right now?

!

IT'S FROM MATSUNA-GA-SAN!!

How?!

Iᴛ— Iᴛs okay, right..?!

Y...

YES, IT'S VERY FUN!

Sei-tan, hurry~~

I GOT IT, HOLD ON A MINUTE!

HELLO, NAKAMURA-SAN?

HOW IS HOKKAIDO?

Although we're far apart,

Akane first!

No— Aoi!

it's no different than usual

Ugh

LET'S DO ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS!

AKANE AND AOI HAVE BEEN SAYING THEY WANT TO CALL YOU,

WOULD YOU TALK TO THEM FOR A BIT?

YES!

Of course

I ALSO WANT TO TALK TO THEM!

I can hear their cheerful voices

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!

OKAY, AKANE WINS

as though they're right beside me——.

PUT YOUR EAR HERE.

Huh?

AKANE-CHAN?

HELLO? AKANE-CHAN?

H...

He... Hel... Hello...

Don't not say anything.

SAY HELLO.

AH,

AKANE-CHAN? ARE YOU DOING WELL?

Panic

Panic

WHAT'S WRONG?

AH,

AOI-KUN? HAS IT CHANGED TO HIM...?

Ao-kun too—

AOI! I TOLD YOU, DON'T SNATCH THINGS FROM HER.

Ah—

Yeah!

Today, um... I was with Kento-kun a—ll day. And then...

Uhn~~

I'M TELLING YOU,

DON'T BE NERVOUS! JUST SAY SOME-THING!!

0000000000

Yeah.

ONIGIRI? AH, COULD IT BE THAT MATSUNAGA-SAN MADE THEM FOR YOU?

I SEE HOW NICE— -!

Uwah.

GASP

0...

Oginiti...

AOI-KUN, ARE YOU EATING YOUR MEALS PROPERLY?

Uh-huh...

YOUR VOICE SOUNDS SO FAR AWAY ALL OF A SUDDEN.

HUH?

sniff

ぐすん

I'LL BE COMING HOME VERY SOON,

SO LET'S PLAY TOGETHER A LOT WHEN I GET BACK, OKAY?

YOU'RE DONE ALREADY?

Here.

HELLO— AOI-KU—N?

I...

I'M FINE, IT WAS NOTHING.

I'M HAVING A LOT OF FUN IN HOKKAIDO.

IS...

IS THAT SO?

わっ

WAH!

MA...

Ah.

NAKAMURA-SAN?

EH?

ARE YOU OKAY?

What was that?

CLUNK

CRASH

AH!

THAT'S GOOD.

IN THAT CASE, ENJOY THE REST OF THE TRIP.

Sei-tan I wanna talk again~~~

Ao-kun too——

WAIT A MINUTE.

...YES.

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MATSUNAGA-SA-N!

PARDON ME,

I HAVE SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT THE RECORDING, BUT ...

Gravure Idol, Sakurada Miuru (23)

AH,

YES?

WHAT TIMING SHOULD I SING THIS WITH——?

It's about this——

Squish

ONE-CHORUS? WHERE IT'S DIFFERENT DEPENDING ON THE SONG, RIGHT? I DON'T GET IT...

EH——... BUT——

IT SEEMS THIS IS A 'ONE-CHORUS,' SO ..

That's what's written right there.

Beep

Ah, is that so...?

For this program it's probably from here, up until the high point here.

Thank you very much.

I'LL BE DEPENDING ON YOU AT THE RECORDING SESSION.

Here you are!

Man, I really want to drink

...THIS MAKES THE 3RD DAY, HUH?

the tea Nakamura-san brews for me...

What am I saying?!

Am I an old geezer already?!

...Eh...?

More than that as a man

I should be thinking instead of that chest sensation from earlier

NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT EITHER.

CONCENTRATE ON WORK

FLASH!

ALRIGHT, I'M GOING TO TAKE THE PICTURE——

Cheese!

Huh..?

I'M SAD THAT TODAY'S THE LAST DAY——

RIGHT? I WANTED IT TO PASS MORE SLOWLY

Thanks!

That school uniform

WHAT'S WRONG, SHIHARU?

Let's go

EH...

AH... THAT REMINDS ME, WASN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE IN SAPPORO TODAY?!

AH... SORRY, JUST NOW... THERE WERE PEOPLE WEARING A SCHOOL UNIFORM SIMILAR TO THE ONE FROM NAO-KUN'S SCHOOL...

Huh?

Those three they look kind of familiar

YEAH!

Now that the day has finally come, we might be able to meet.

I WONDER IF I SHOULD SEND HIM AN EMAIL?

NA-

"NAO-KUN"!!

Ah!

That sullen-looking face——!

Nao-kun, I just sent you an email——!

Ah you're right

We really did meet——!!

WHEN DO YOU HAVE FREE TIME UNTIL?

EH...

I SAW A SHOP EARLIER THAT I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE, BUT...

Wanna GO?

EH...

Long time no see——!

SHIHARU.

TUG

He—

HEY, GUYS, DO YOU WANT TO GO?!

EH...

OOOOO

GLARE

AH... I see.

NO... UM... WE'RE OKAY...

OKAY.

YOU TWO GO AHEAD.

WAS IT . OKAY TO LET THE TWO OF THEM GO OFF ALONE JUST NOW...?

HEY...

:

It was, wasn't it.?

YEAH.

I... I'LL SEE YOU LATER, THEN...

COME ON, LET'S GO.

I'll contact you

"SHIHARU, YOU'RE THE TYPE THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE CONFESSED TO, BUT...?"

"EH?"

"NO WAY, NOT AT ALL."

"SERIOUSLY?!"

.....

I THINK IT WILL BE ALRIGHT.

NAO-KUN IS PUSHY, BUT HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A BAD PERSON.

THE TWO OF THEM HAVE ALWAYS GOTTEN ALONG LIKE THAT SINCE LONG AGO, RIGHT...?

SINCE LONG AGO...?

Eh?

Don't tell me.

Nao-kun being beside her was the cause...?

Shiharu being estranged from romance in middle school...

WH...

WHERE'S NAO-KUN...?

!?

pant pant pant

WHY?! YOU GUYS ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER, AREN'T YOU?!

I'm sorry.

Send him for me!

JUST NOW, NAO... WENT OFF SOMEWHERE FOR A BIT.

MO... MORIKAWA-SAN...

This chick is scary.

② じっち。



身内って
遠慮ない
ですよね。

でも最近家の
掃除やごはんを
作りに来てくれる様に
なった為の(有料サービス)
すごーく助かってます。

親しみを込めて
「キョウコお姉さま」と
心は呼んでます
(本当ぜんぜん違う)

ありがとう
セレブではない
キョウコお姉さま。



WAIT A MINUTE, NAO-KUN!

IT'S ALRIGHT.

I CAN COME ALONG WITH YOU EVEN IF YOU DON'T DRAG ME!

WHERE IS THE SHOP THAT YOU THOUGHT I'D LIKE?

!!!

AH...

:

Hmm Hmm

...I GOT HER TO COME WITH ME, BUT NOW WHAT...?

I don't think that far ahead

AH...

SORRY

THAT WAS A LIE.

EH?!

NO REASON...

WH... WHY.... DID YOU TELL A LIE LIKE THAT....?

N—

NO REASON ?!

I'M GOING BACK...

Look

GRAB

WHY WOULD YOU DO THAT? IT'S NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?!

DEJECTED

Over here !!

YOU'RE WITH ME RIGHT NOW.

SO LOOK AT ME!

LOVE SO LIFE

AH,
I SEE.
Certainly!

SOUVENIRS AND SO ON..

SINCE WE LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE, WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO PICK THE SAME THINGS...
Right?

THAT'S RIGHT!

はっ
GASP

AH...

NO...

THAT IS...

It's not as if I'm taking

the words of a weirdo like that seriously, or anything, but...

I wouldn't want them to be taken by someone else because I was dragging my feet

...I'm impatient...

Then... Ah, let's try going in here!

AH...

IN OUR SCHOOL UNIFORMS... YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT...

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE WALKED THROUGH TOWN TOGETHER WEARING OUR SCHOOL UNIFORMS, ISN'T IT?

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,

LOVE SO LIFE

"It would be nice if we could become a real family, wouldn't it?"

I was really happy at that time, but...

After a little more than a year...

I'll end up separated from Nao-kun as well, huh...

.....

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE

IF, EVEN AFTER LEAVING HOME

WE COULD.

NAO-KUN...

It was an impossible wish, right?

Realistically speaking,

But...

real siblings...

TOGETHER LIKE THIS?

SOMETIMES GO OUT

...!

Huh ? ...Is it no good ?

H—

Just like...

LOVE SO LIFE

EH ?

EVEN IF IT'S NOT

ONLY SOMETIMES.

THERE IS A WAY WE COULD ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, BUT...

"TELL THE PERSON YOU LOVE THAT YOU LOVE THEM ——————••• 」

IF I...

"I LOVE YOU," WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

WERE TO TELL YOU

...Ah.

EH...?

...AH,

U M...

said it too indirectly...

Crap,

I might have

HUH?!

Misunderstanding?!

W...

WAIT A MINUTE...

HOLD ON?

I THINK I M MISUNDERSTANDING.

THIS IS NOT THE SAME THING-...

AH!

IT'S ALREADY TIME TO MEET UP WITH THE OTHERS.

HOLD ON...

WAIT!

AND ENDED UP EXTREMELY EMBAR-RASSED...!

YESTERDAY I WAS TOTALLY FULL OF MYSELF AND SERIOUSLY MISUNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION,

WHA-

IT WAS REALLY TERRIBLE, SO I DON'T WANT TO BE TRICKED LIKE BEFORE!

SO, NAO-KUN TOO, DON'T SAY THINGS THAT WILL MAKE ME EVEN MORE CON-CEITED, OKAY?

WELL, I'M HEADING BACK FIRST.

SEE YOU AT HOME.

.....o

NA

kyun!

I found your ♡

DAZED

Huh?

What is the meaning of this?!

NA...

NAO-KUN?!

Empty Shell

WHAT'S WRONG, NAO-KUN?!

Not getting it.

when I've spelled it out so clearly...

札幌駅

AH,

SHIHARU, OVER HERE!

Were you able to buy souvenirs?

Yeah. Thanks for waiting for me

LOVE SO LIFE

DA...?!

HOW WAS YOUR DATE?.

SO. .

REALLY?

ALTHOUGH YOU WERE ALONE TOGETHER... THERE WEREN'T ANY DEVELOPMENTS——?

Huh——?

"DATE"...

WE WERE JUST PICKING OUT OUR SOUVENIRS TOGETHER SO WE WOULDN'T GET THE SAME THINGS——

For a second there

But...

My heart started pounding...

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TOO THICK-HEADED...!

JEEZ, RIO, YOU'RE ALWAYS JUMPING TO THAT KIND OF CONCLUSION...!

TH— THERE WEREN'T...!

That's right.

There are plenty of people in the world who live together with their siblings, right ?!

HEY SHIHARU—

If it's like that, I won't be sad, and it will be easier to afford the rent, it might not be so bad...

"A way we can always be together"...

As in, living together and stuff...?

Ah,

FOR THE KIDS AT THE ORPHANAGE, I GOT CANDY AND POSTCARDS AND STUFF LIKE THAT.

AND FOR AKANE-CHAN AND AOI-KUN, I GOT DIFFERENT COLORED SOCKS...!

SO, WHAT DID YOU BUY?

AND

THIS

IS A HANDKERCHIEF FOR MATSUNAGA-SAN...

I WONDER IF HE'LL USE IT...

...

I thought so yesterday too but Shiharu really does like Matsunaga-san like that after all, huh~~~?

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And so, the three days passed in the blink of an eye,

I WANT TO SEE EVERYONE SOON—

IT WAS FUN, BUT...

and from tomorrow on

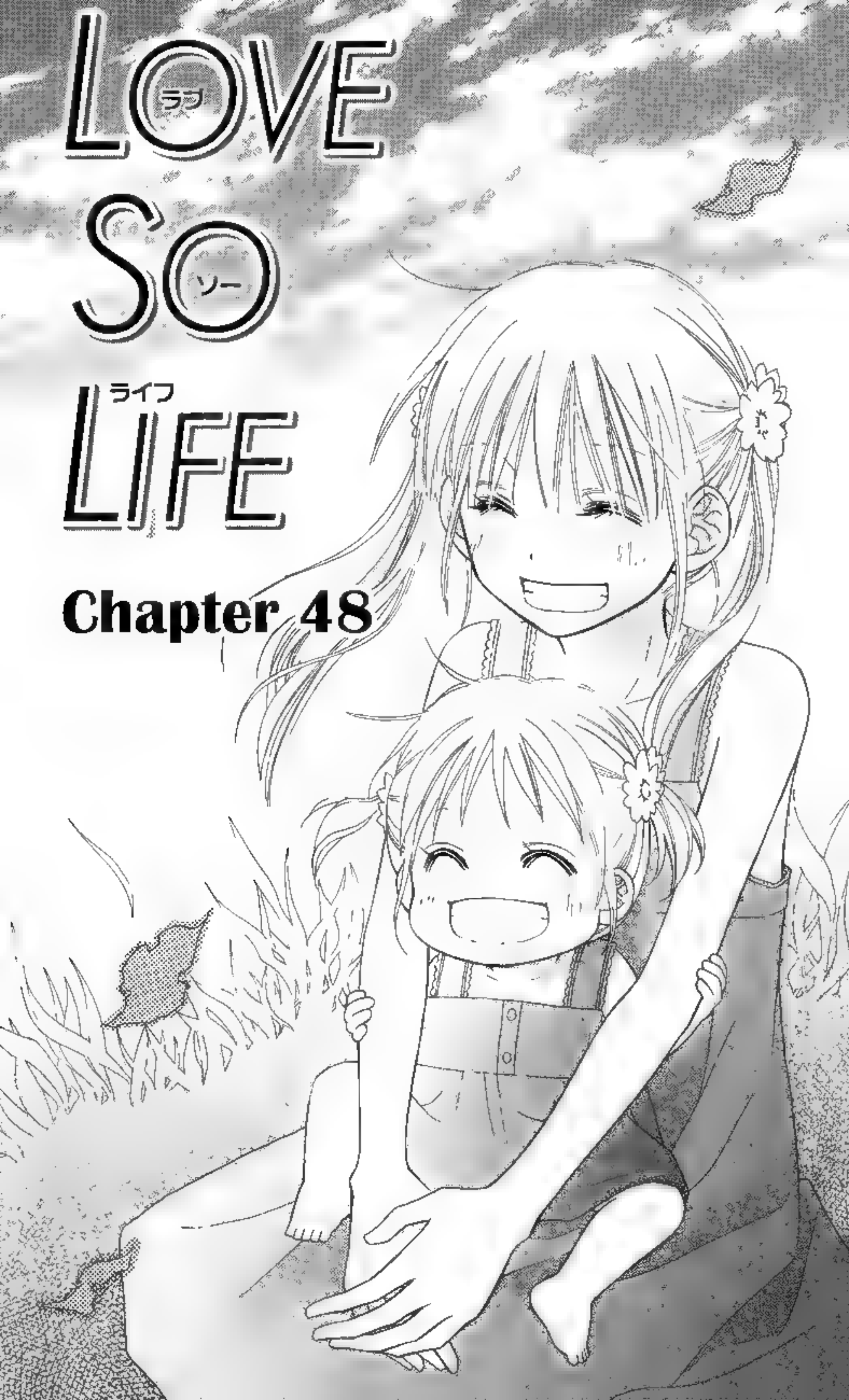
the usual routine will begin once again—

.....

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN, HE'S HERE TO PICK YOU UP——

LOVE（ラブ） SO（ソー） LIFE（ライフ）

Chapter 48



LIKE I SAID,

Hey~~~~ Sei-tan,

Fri. PM 10:00

SHE SAID SHE'LL COME OVER FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING.

DRIP

DRIP

you're making a weird face

Where's Shiharu-tan~~~~?!

I don't like the vroom-vroom!

Dryer

DRIP

DRIP

DRIP

WAIT! YOU'RE STILL DRIPPING!

AOI!!

AKANE

YOU'RE NEXT..

ゴ

VROOM

Gah

IF YOU RUN AROUND NAKED, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!

NO

RUN

RUN

Ah

your hair's still wet

Sigh

AH!!

ZZZ

3 Roll...

ZZZ

Has been up since 4am.

Jeez— I'm tired too.

WELL, I GUESS IT'S OKAY... JUST THIS ONCE...

Roll Roll Roll

Chew Chew

...Whf

STAGGER

Sat. AM 6:30

!

Ugh...

100.4 Fahrenheit

BEEP

Children's Thermometer

Shiharu-tan!

Crap...!

Shiharu-tan, Shiharu-tan!

GOOD MORNING, AOI-KUN!

GOOD MORNING!

AM 7:30

MATSUNAGA-SAN! GOOD MORNING!

Huh...? You look even more tired than usual...?

GOOD MORNING.

...?

EHH, A COLD...?

Put to bed together with dolls to keep her from moving around.

Is she still sleeping...?

UM... ABOUT AKANE-CHAN...

THAT IS...

I SEE...

AKANE-CHAN MOVES AROUND A LOT WHEN SHE'S SLEEPING, TOO....

YESTERDAY... I FORGOT TO PUT THE USUAL STOMACH WARMER ON HER,

AND I DIDN'T DRY HER HAIR EITHER...

BASICALLY, IT'S MY FAULT...

EH?

BUT...

AH

THAT'S ALL RIGHT.

Just to be safe, we should take her to the hospital.

U M...

I'LL ASK IF I CAN GET OUT OF WORKING TODAY.

SO, NAKAMURA-SAN, YOU GO TO THE DAYCARE UNTIL EVENING AS USUAL...

AND FOR TODAY I'LL BE ASKING YOU TO BRING ONLY AOI.

IS... THAT SO...?

EH...

Takeru-kun's mother...?!

I'LL BRING HER TO THE HOSPITAL THIS MORNING, AND

IN THE AFTERNOON... I'LL GET TAKERU'S MOTHER TO LOOK AFTER HER...

AKANE-CHAN .. I HOPE SHE FEELS BETTER.

YOU AND AOI SHOULD GET GOING, PLEASE!

I THINK IF AKANE WAKES UP NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO PRY HER OFF OF YOU, SO

I UNDER-STAND...

SORRY, AKANE-CHAN.

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Matsunaga-san, too...

YEAH...

AM 8:00

IT MUST BE DIFFICULT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOBS THAT THEY CAN NOT EASILY TAKE TIME OFF.

IT'S BEST TO STAY HOME AND REST, BUT...

Even though he has work

it must be tough on him

AKANE-CHAN HAS A COLD, HM——?

THE SEASONS ARE CHANGING, AFTER ALL.

We need to be careful.

TN: The teacher is blaming the weather for Akane's cold; when it starts getting cold at night and you aren't used to it, you'll forget to dress warmer at first and will be more likely to get sick

Since they can't leave them home alone

AH, BUT—— THERE ARE ALSO SOME PARENTS WHO BRING THEIR KIDS HERE EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE A HIGH FEVER...

I've told them they might infect the other children, but

MY CHILD IS SICK! BUT I CAN'T TAKE TIME OFF OF WORK! FOR TIMES LIKE THESE, THERE IS ALSO A SERVICE KNOW AS "SICK DAY-CARE." IT'S HANDLED DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON THE REGION.

I DO FEEL THAT

I WANT TO BE OF HELP TO THOSE PEOPLE, BUT...

NOT BEING ABLE TO DO ANYTHING

IS PAINFUL...

Aoi-kun.

Shiharu-chan, Akane-chan isn't coming today?

YEAH... SHE CAUGHT A COLD TODAY.

③
じっち。


すいません
7巻分の原稿
返却して貰い
たいんですが
おかりました、
8巻分とまとめて
すぐ返却しますゆ！
コピーを
使いたいので
手首しまう！
しっかり担当
ダメ作家
えっ
8巻と分はまだ
私が修正中で
すいません
えっ ここちさんが今
修正されているのは
9巻分ですよね？
えっ、私が今
直してるのも8巻
ですよね？
ちがいます
次に出るのは
9巻"ですから
8巻はもう
発売されてます！
2か月
先に！
あれ？
ここちさん
しっかり！
あれれ？
ここちさーん！


She caught a code.
Um—
Akane-chan isn't coming today?
Akane's Boyfriend (?), Kento-kun
A code??
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
SOMEHOW HIS BACK LOOKS SO LONELY
What are you reading?

AOI-KUN,

HE SAID AKANE-CHAN IS FEELING BETTER!

From Matsunaga-san

It seems Akane really did have a cold. Her fever has also gone down, so there's no need to worry. Miyagawa-san said she has to work at 5pm, so I'm counting on you from 5pm to 7pm

...END...

"HER FEVER HAS GONE DOWN"!

THANK GOODNESS--

YES!

I'LL BE LEAVING NOW.

WELL THEN, PLEASE PASS MY REGARDS TO AKANE-CHAN AND MATSUNAGA-SAN.

...

AH,

THAT'S RIGHT, AOI-KUN,

WHY DON'T WE STOP ON THE WAY HOME AND BUY SOMETHING THAT WILL MAKE AKANE-CHAN FEEL EVEN BETTER?

WHAT SHOULD WE GET, HM?

EGTABLE
Thank you very much

THAT REMINDS ME,

APPLE?

THAT'S TRUE, AKANE-CHAN DOES LIKE FRUITS, DOESN'T SHE?

Apple juice.

WE'LL GRATE THEM AND MAKE IT INTO JUICE FOR HER!

Make for her!

Right?

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME GOING SHOPPING AND SO ON

ALONE WITH YOU, AOI-KUN!

It's lonely when Akane-chan

Shiharu-tan.

time alone with either of them is also precious..

who should always be here is not, but

Umm...

HM?

Uhh...

Fidget

Huggie——

SQUEEZE!

H"+!!!

Y-

YES!

COME HERE, COME HERE.

TN: This is also an adorable miscommunication. Shiharu asks him if there's something he wants, "hoshi mono" in Japanese, and he responds with "hoshi," which means star. I think he mistook "hoshi" for "hoshi."







AKANE-CHAN!

Shiharu-tan!

Welcome home—

Still a bit out of it.

I'M HOME——

STAGGER

Shiha

BONK

ru

KONK

-ta

n!

よかった Thank Goodness

HAVE YOU BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SEI-CHAN?

YES!

HE SAID SHE DOESN'T HAVE NAUSEA OR DIARRHEA, SO SHE'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS SHE GETS SOME REST.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

SORRY. HONESTLY, I WISH I COULD ALWAYS LOOK AFTER THEN, BUT ...

I PREPARED A MEMO WITH THE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT SHE'S EATEN AND WHEN SHE TOOK MEDICINE, AND LEFT IT ON THE TABLE.

THE YOUNG KIDS AND SALARY MEN AT MY PART-TIME JOB WOULD CRY AND COMPLAIN. .

AKANE-CHAN...

COMPARED TO BEFORE, SHE'S BECOME MUCH LESS AFRAID OF STRANGERS. YOU'VE REALLY HELPED HER—

-AH...

BUT,

The twins' papa——...

...KOU-CHAN.

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING KOU-CHAN'S DISAPPEARANCE, IT SEEMS THEY HAD A VERY DIFFICULT TIME...

AH, KOU-CHAN IS THE TWINS' PAPA...

IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED, GIVE ME A CALL.

WOULD YOU PASS THAT MESSAGE TO SEI-CHAN FOR ME?

OH MY,

I REALLY NEED TO WATCH MY HABIT OF TALKING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE'S PERSONAL MATTERS CARELESSLY.

See you!

YES!

Thank you very much!

ALRIGHT!

AOI-KUN, JUST TO BE SAFE, YOU MAKE SURE NOT TO GO INTO THE BEDROOM TODAY, OKAY?

AND YOU, AKANE-CHAN, SHOULD RELAX IN THE BED-ROOM, OKAY?

Relacks?

AROUND 12 NOON -
RICE PORRIDGE (APPROX. 1/2 BOWL)
YOGURT (SMALL) - 1 CUP
MUCUS MEDICINE - 1 LOZENGE
FEVER MEDICINE AROUND 3PM -
JELLY PACKET - 1 PACKET

EH...

AKANE-CHAN!

YOUR THROAT AND STOMACH DON'T HURT ANYWHERE, DO THEY?!

Are you okay?!

They don't hurt.

Akane-chan only ate half the bowl of porridge——?!

Wanna drink juice!

Apple juice!

THEN... IS THERE ANY-THING YOU'D LIKE TO EAT OR DRINK?

U—m...

GRIND

GRIND

Apple Juice!

りんごじゅうす

Eh——?!

Incredible..

Telepathy..?!

?

THANKS FOR HELPING, AOI-KUN!

Graped apple!

AH, THAT'S RIGHT!

WE DID IT!

GRATED APPLE!

Apple juice is yummy.

AKANE-CHAN REALLY DID WANT TO DRINK APPLE JUICE!

IT'S INCRED-IBLE, RIGHT, AOI-KUN?

GRIND

Gonna put them on!

RIGHT NOW?

Open it, open it

?

RUMMAGE

HERE YOU GO.

IT'S A SOUVENIR FROM MY SCHOOL TRIP.

Socks!

Struggle

SLIP

By mai shelf!

Oh, I see!

15 Minutes Later

INCRED-IBLE!

Put them on!

INCREDIBLE, AOI-KUN, YOU'RE SO--- COOL!

RAISE

...Wor - king - hard.

Yummy!!

IS IT YUMMY, AKANE-CHAN?

Aoi-kun helped me make it

THANK GOODNESS! HER APPETITE HAS RETURNED.

A—h♡

"By mai shelf"

OKAY. Here you are.

Open it, open it—

SHE WANTS TO WEAR THEM NOW TOO, HUH...?

It's socks!!

ALRIGHT, NOW THEN, I ALSO HAVE A SOUVENIR FOR AKANE-CHAN!

A soufenit?

Okay!

Her "put it on me" pose.

WELCOME HOME!

WANTING TO "DO IT MYSELF" IS ANOTHER THING THAT COMES AT DIFFERENT TIMES FOR EVERYONE, HUH.

Ah,

it's Sei-tan.

I'M HOME ~~~~

Ah,

YOU'VE WORKED HARD.

Being Careful in the Waiting Room

AT THE PEDIATRICIAN'S, IT SEEMED LIKELIER THAT SHE'D GET EVEN MORE GERMS THAN GET BETTER...

I was worried...

That is also true, huh.

UM.

EARLIER WHEN I TOOK HER TEMPERATURE IT WAS AT 37 DEGREES CELSIUS, SO.

I THINK SHE'S GOTTEN BETTER, BUT...

THIS IS A RECORD OF WHAT SHE ATE TODAY.

And medicine she took and so on

HOW IS AKANE?

MATSUNAGA-SAN, I'LL MAKE THE TEA.

EH,

AH,

THANK YOU.

The season for iced mugicha is already over, huh.

(TN: Mugicha = Barley Tea)

Did you say thank you?

WHOA—

Sei-tan, look, look!

I got socks!

ALRIGHT,

YOU'RE DEFINITELY FEELING BETTER!

They got Mr. Fox on them!

stare

EH?!

WH...

WHAT IS IT?!

AND THEN...? WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW...?

OH?

FIRST I WARM UP THE TEACUP...

AH... THIS IS...

EHH?

THE TEA NAKAMURA-SAN MAKES FOR ME IS ALWAYS DELICIOUS SO

I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW YOU MAKE IT...

NO— ... UM...

Y-you scared me

IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL... I JUST MAKE IT LIKE NORMAL...

IT MUST BE THAT THESE ARE HIGH-QUALITY TEA LEAVES...?!

.....

With him watching so closely, I...

SO THAT'S YOUR SECRET?

—h...

UH...

UMM!

CLANK

TH...

THAT'S A BIT OF AN EXAGGERATION...

OH?

THAT'S RIGHT! I HAVE A SOUVENIR FOR YOU!

AH...

FROM HOKKAIDO?

Not really...

Thank you!

IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO OPEN IT?

IT... IT'S JUST A HANDKERCHIEF BUT

IF YOU'D LIKE...

PLEASE USE IT...

I—

I'M SO SORRY SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS REALLY IMPRACTICAL AFTER ALL HUH?

AHAHA

IT'S INCREDIBLY SELF-PROMOTING.

I BOUGHT IT ON IMPULSE

NO... I THINK A SOUVENIR FROM HOKKAIDO THAT RESEMBLES HOKKAIDO IS NICE.

THANKS, I'LL DEFINITELY USE IT.

Thank goodness...

GLARE

I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, AKANE-CHAN.

LOVE SO LIFE

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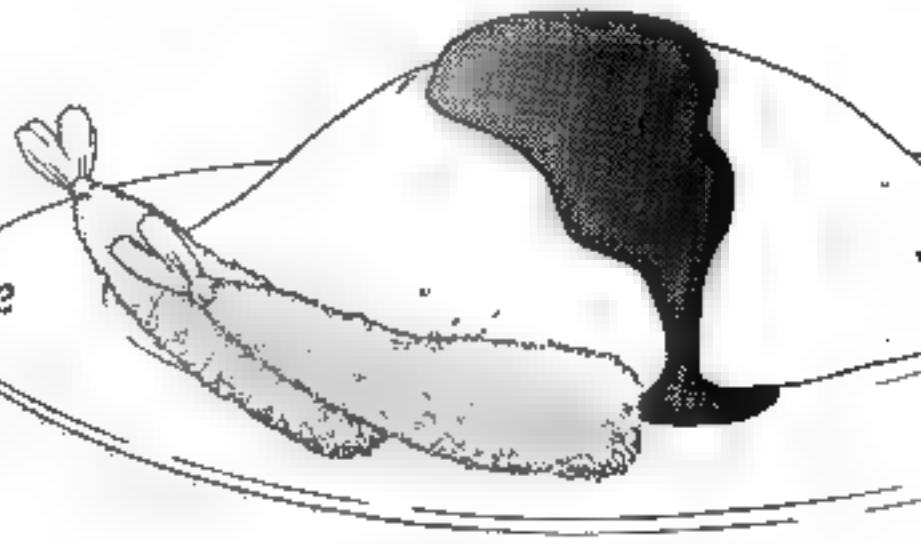


Cutely arranged salad,

and a gorgeous cake with 5 candles on it...



a huge omurice served with ebi-fry

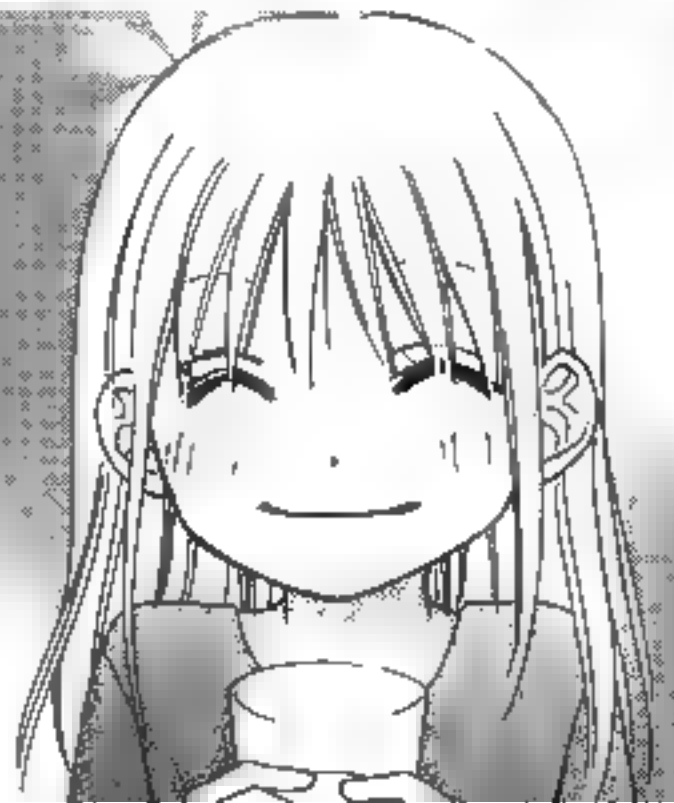


TN: "Omurice" aka "Omuraisu" is an omlete with fried rice and meat/vegetables inside. Ebi-fry is a fried shrimp.

That was a day slightly different from all others,



A day to get excited about——



A happy day of celebration——

BIRTHDAY?!

YUP!

AKANE-CHAN AND AOI-KUN ARE TURNING 3 TOMORROW——!

Ingredients:
- Rice (sushi rice)
- Nori Seaweed
- Ham
- Egg
- Fake Crab Stick
- Tuna & Mayonnaise
- Cucumber

Cut the nori seaweed into a small sheet, and

Rice

YEAH!

EH

AND SO, YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE THAT?

I'LL JUST DO THE PREP WORK AHEAD OF TIME..

I WAS THINKING IT MIGHT BE FUN IF WE ASSEMBLED IT TOGETHER...

UWAH

YOU'RE SO HARD-WORKING~~

Y... YOU THINK SO?!

Okay—

EVERYONE, YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE !

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN AND YUNA-CHAN'S BIRTHDAYS ARE THIS MONTH!

Medals: 3 Years Old

WILL YOU AND MATSUNAGA-SAN BE HOLDING A PARTY TOMORROW?

YES.

AH,

BUT ...

LET'S ALL SING A SONG TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE ___!

Happy Birthday to You~~~~

NO... AT LEAST FOR A SHORT WHILE, I'LL TAKE A BREATH AND SLIP OUT.

I'll probably have to return right after, but...

THEN... SHALL WE POSTPONE THEIR BIRTHDAY PARTY?

EH?!

YOU NEEDN'T FORCE YOURSELF TO THAT EXTENT...

UH—M,

BUT,

ON THEIR ACTUAL BIRTHDAY,

I'VE GOT AN IMPORTANT SHOOTING THAT IS BEING FILMED LIVE UNTIL LATE IN THE EVENING...

BECAUSE, AFTER THIS

I WON'T ALWAYS

BE ABLE TO WATCH OVER THEIR BIRTHDAYS——...

AND, ANYWAYS, IF I MAKE A RESERVATION FOR THE CAKE IN ADVANCE, IT WON'T TAKE LONG TO PICK IT UP.

AH!

AT LEAST THAT MUCH, I CAN——

NO...!

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ALWAYS MAKE YOU DO EVERYTHING!

I wish

He really is always doing his best...

YES...

MY... HE'S THE KIND OF PERSON WHO ALWAYS DOES EVERYTHING

SLIP OUT HALFWAY THROUGH?!

Eh—

I could be more of a help to him——

STARTING NOW, WE'LL BEGIN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Ziploc

Ta-da!

ALRIGHT, I WANT YOU TO LINE UP THE INGREDIENTS YOU LIKE HORIZONTALLY LIKE THIS!

'Ka—y!

SHALL WE MAKE THE FOOD TOGETHER?

Make it together!!

THEN LET'S GO WASH OUR HANDS!

What are we going to do——?

Prepara-tions——?!

Artificial...

And artificial crab stick!

Crab stick?

Ham!

And ham-

Egg!

This is egg

Cucumber!

This is cucumber

HEHEHE

We—ll,

That's 'cause Akane is 3 now!

YEAH, YOU DID REALLY WELL!

Like this?

Like this?

YEAH, WONDERFUL!

Wonderful?

ALRIGHT, NOW WE...

ROLL-ROLL ROLL IT LIKE THIS!

ROLL

ROLL

I SEE!

AND FINALLY, WE SQUEEZE IT CLOSED.

THIS IS A BIT DIFFICULT, HUH— ?

I WONDER IF YOU CAN DO IT?

We can do it!

NOW OUR MINI NORI-ROLLED SUSHI IS DONE!

It's easier to roll it if you put a smaller portion of rice!

'CAUSE

AO-KUN IS 3 NOW.

THAT'S RIGHT!

DING DO—NG

Munch Munch Munch

YOU REALLY ARE GOOD AT THIS!

ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL.

SOMEONE IS HERE!

Ah—

AKANE-CHAN, YOU CAN'T EAT IT YET!

Roll Roll

IS THAT SO...?

IT'S OKAY! WE ALREADY RECEIVED ADVANCE NOTICE FROM MATSUNAGA-SAN!

AH

IT'S AN EXPRESS HOME DELIVERY!

I'M JUST LOOKING AFTER THE HOUSE WHILE THE OWNER IS OUT BUT

SCREECH

THIS FAR IS FINE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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さて 今回は
前回に引き続き
修学旅行で
北海道へ 行く
お話が入っている
のですが、中々よい
資料が なかった為
取材へ行く予定
だったのですが・

ネーム(※1)に手こずり・
「行きたいけどもう
今日から下絵(※2)しないと
間に合わない!!」
状況になってしまった
為、マツシさんたちに
写真を撮りまくって
来て頂きました。

前日 招集にも関わらず
旅に出てくれた
あかなちゃんとユキちゃん
どうも ありがとう‥



(※1) ネーム…漫画の下書き
(※2) 下絵…原稿上のこまかな下描き

Happy Birthday
Akane-chan & Aoi-kun

WOULD THIS BE ALRIGHT?

YES!

Thank you very much

Phew

SAFE!

ALRIGHT.. !
I'LL BE THERE IN 5 MINUTES

SLAM

!?

CLATTER

Hoo

Smush

I... I'M VERY SORRY, ONII-CHAN...

URK..

An elderly person!

I hope no one gives her a hard time

IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT? I'M VERY SORRY...

I'll give you this in apology.

IT... IT'S OKAY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...

More importantly, are you okay all by yourself?

Hey look!

Apology Gift

...

Hours of Operation

AM 10:00
~
PM 2 :00

The cake shop!

I'm too scared...

to check and see how it looks inside

SIGH—...

I'M HOME...

And the convenience store

doesn't have any round cakes...

Welcome home~~~~~!!

WELCOME HOME!

MATSUNAGA-SAN, TODAY YOU'LL HAVE TO RETURN TO WORK RIGHT AWAY, RIGHT?

YEAH. I'M SORRY FOR BEING IN SUCH A HURRY.

NOT AT ALL!

I'M HAPPY WE ARE ALL ABLE TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

GOOD THING I WAS ABLE TO SLIP AWAY

THAT'S RIGHT,

MATSUNAGA-SAN, TODAY YOU RECEIVED A DELIVERY.

AH... THANKS.

IT'S FROM TAKEGAWA-SAN

THE TWINS GRANDMOTHER

IT MUST BE FOR THE TWINS

ALRIGHT, LET'S DO IT!

IT'S GONNA TO MAKE A LOUD NOISE, OKAY?

YEAH!

Ao Pop

Akane-chan,
Aoi-kun,

Happy
Birthday——!!

AH!

AOI-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?!

Kyaa——

Hayakima——...

THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE LOUD NOISES.

Come here

WE ALL DID THE PREPARATIONS TOGETHER—

Yeah!

'Cause we are 3 now!!

This, um... We made it——!

HM?

U—m, Sei-tan,

This... nori roll-roll...

Is it yummy?

STARE

Is it yummy?

Is it yummy?

WA—

WAIT A MINUTE, I'M STILL EATING IT...!

STARE

Sei-tan, where's the cake——?!

Ah!

Cake!

IT'S YUMMY.

Eh-he he~~~~

AH—

I THOUGHT OF FIXING THE PROBLEM BY BUYING A NEW ONE. BUT REGRETTABLY I WAS NOT IN TIME...

BASICALLY. TO PUT IT FRANKLY.

I DROPPED IT.

U— —M...

ON THE WAY HOME, I MET WITH AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT, AND...

THERE MAY BE SOME ABNORMALITY TO THE SHAPE AS A RESULT...

BUT, TO BE SAFE...

—00

—0—

DAZE

I WILL OPEN IT AND SEE.

EH.

AN ACCIDENT?!

AH, NO... PERHAPS I SHOULD SAY, IT WAS A COINCIDENTAL OCCURENCE..

The only one injured was the cake.

Are you injured anywhere?!

AN ACCIDENT, YOU SAY?! WHAT KIND...?! ARE YOU OKAY?!

OOOOOO

Slide

IT'S OKAY! IF IT'S ONLY THAT MUCH...

Probably.

I'LL TRY PATCHING IT UP BY HAND A BIT!

Ah— I thought so.

IT'S REALLY BAD...

Huh——?

ALRIGHT!

A little here and there

Butter Knife

IT SURELY LOOKED SOMETHING LIKE THIS... PROBABLY!

I'M VERY SORRY TO THE PERSON WHO ORIGINALLY MADE IT VERY PRETTY FOR US, BUT ...

LOOK.

Let's eat!

It looks yummy, right?

It's a cake——!

as long as Nakamura-san is with us.

No matter what hardships we face.

the twins will always

be smiling happily huh..

Hiragana Alphabet Puzzle

Ah!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOUR PRESENT IS STILL SAFE.

BECAUSE I BOUGHT IT EARLIER AND HID IT ON THE 2ND FLOOR...

IT'S A "HIRAGANA & ALPHABET PUZZLE"!

BECAUSE YOU TWO ARE ALREADY 3 YEARS OLD NOW.

It's a puzzle——!

ME, TOO,

I ALSO HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU.

Thanks, Sei-tan!

HOW NICE— AND RIGHT IN TIME! YOU TWO ARE STARTING TO REMEMBER A LITTLE BIT OF HIRAGANA ALREADY, RIGHT -?

Yeah!

A picture book?!

THERE ARE PICTURES PASTED INSIDE!

IT'S SIMILAR, BUT A BIT DIFFERENT.

Akane-chan

Aoi-kun

THIS IS FROM ME !

And Ao-kun,

and Sei-tan!

Ah!

Akane's in here!

IT'S AN ALBUM !

And Mana-tan and Kento-kun.

And Take-kun—

And Shiharu-tan,

And Rio-tan!

An album!

おかあさんちゃん

Alright—

Shiharu-tan, read for me—

We...all... went...to...

"WE ALL WENT TO THE ZOO TOGETHER."

"IT ENDED UP RAINING, BUT WE HAD FUN."

That's right!

YOU HAVE A GOOD MEMORY!

There weren't any lions

And to make 2 of them! Thank you very much

EH...

NOT AT ALL?

NAKAMURA-SAN... THAT MUST HAVE TAKEN QUITE A LOT OF TIME...

Making them was fun

We were dressed as tigers!

THAT'S RIGHT

YOU DON'T FIT INTO YOUR CLOTHES FROM BACK THEN ANY-MORE, HUH?

The clothes they are wearing now, too,

will surely start to get tight soon,

and in the blink of an eye, they won't fit anymore either...

LOVE SO LIFE

YEAH.

THE EXPRESS HOME DELIVERY WAS FROM THEIR GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER?

It's clothes!

AKANE, AOI,

WE ALSO RECEIVED PRESENTS FROM YOUR GRAND-MOTHER AND GRANDFATHER.

Grandma and grandpa?

THAT'S RIGHT, NAKAMURA-SAN,

THE TWINS' GRANDMOTHER WHO I TOLD YOU ABOUT EARLIER,

IT SEEMS SHE GOT PERMISSION TO HAVE AN OVERNIGHT LEAVE FROM THE HOSPITAL.

Yeah!

HOW NICE LET'S WEAR IT NEXT TIME WE SEE THEM, OKAY?

But we can do it tomorrow.

We should call to thank them.

They probably go to bed early in the hospital

IS THAT SO?

AH...

WHICH IS WHY, SOMETIME SOON,

SHE ASKED "WON'T YOU AND THE TWINS,

AND SHIHARU-CHAN ALL COME OVER TO PLAY?"

EH?

"HO HOW ABOUT IT"?!

HOW ABOUT IT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

UM...

BECAUSE

I...

Something like that...

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS IN THE AFTER-NOON NEXT SATURDAY?

I WAS PLANNING TO COME HOME IN THE EVENING BUT

NO, UM...

I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS OR ANYTHING, BUT

THAT'S NOT IT...

I'M... AN OUTSIDER..

THAT IS..

It's best

done privately

with only the members of the family, right?

YES??

AH...

NO...

...

A person who the twins can rely on to care for them from the heart,

the person who lets them always keep smiling...

NOT AT ALL,

YOU AREN'T AN OUTSIDER.

I'VE SAID IT BEFORE, BUT TO US,

NAKAMURA-SAN, YOU

ARE LIKE A MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY...

LOVE SO LIFE
ラブ ソー ライフ

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UM...

I KNOW WE'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR, BUT...

IS IT REALLY...

September, too, is now

nearly half gone——

OKAY FOR ME TO TAG ALONG WITH YOU AS WELL...?

And even ride an eco-train.

LOVE SO LIFE

And so, I'm traveling together with everyone to Shizuoka.

A few days ago

we received an invitation from the twins' grandmother and grandfather on their mother's side.

YES??

IT'S ONLY A DAY TRIP, SO WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A LOT OF TIME, BUT...

IF YOU'RE HERE WITH US,

THE TWINS WILL FEEL MORE AT EASE...

JR

SHIZUOKA STATION

Ginko trees?

YUP. THIS IS A GINKGO LEAF!

THAT'S RIGHT, AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN, THERE ARE BOY AND GIRL GINKGO TREES, TOO~~~~

Eh?!

THESE ONES THAT LOOK LIKE PANTS ARE BOYS,

AND THESE ONES THAT LOOK LIKE SKIRTS ARE GIRLS.

WAH——

THE GINKGO TREES ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!

HELLO?

HELLO, SEIJI-KUN? WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?

I'M SORRY! WE WERE RUNNING LATE...

PPPPP

PPPP

It's true——!!

THERE YOU ARE! I SEE YOU!

AH!

WE'RE IN THE ROW OF TREES RIGHT AFTER YOU ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN GATE...

RIGHT NOW...

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!!

UM... I HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING THEIR BABYSITTER... MY NAME IS NAKAMURA SHIHARU!!

COME ON.

HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN YOU SHOULDN'T BE RUN-NING. ?

AH...

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.

MY NAME IS TAKEG-AWA.

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS TAKING CARE OF AKANE AND AOI.

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN, LONG TIME NO SEE!

THANK YOU! FOR COMING TO VISIT ME AT THE HOSPITAL LAST TIME.

AKANE, AOI,

AREN'T YOU GOING TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY PRESENTS?

IS YOUR BODY DOING OKAY?

YES!

I'M FEELING COMPLETELY FINE TODAY.

Probably because I could meet with you all!

はっ

OH MY—— YOU'RE VERY WELCOME ♡

...Thank you for the clothes.

I'm happy to see you wearing them—

AH,

Y-YES?!

NAKAMURA-SAN.

PLEASE, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL.

AH...

N... NOT AT ALL!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING SO FAR TO SEE US.

——This person

is the twins' grandmother——...

I NEVER EXPECTED

THAT SHE'D BE SUCH A YOUNG AND ADORABLE GIRL

I'D HEARD STORIES, BUT...

H M..

WHAT IS IT?

PERSONALLY.

SEIJI-KUN, YOU'VE BEEN BE'NG "LOOKED AFTER" IN A LOT OF WAYS AS WELL, HAVEN'T YOU?

S...

P..Personally?!

..Eh..?!

SOMETHING LIKE THAT——...

THAT'S SOMETHING THAT MUST ABSOLUTELY NOT BE ALLOWED TO OCCUR——

SHIHARU-TAN, LET'S GO OVER THERE——

AH...

BUT TODAY IS...

SLAM

OH NO! JEEZ, OTOU-SAN, YOU RASCAL!

AREN'T YOU MAKING FUN OF THE YOUNG FOLKS TOO MUCH?!

I WAS JUST JOKING AROUND!

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN,

COULD GRANDMA PLAY WITH YOU AS WELL?

IS IT REALLY OKAY...?

IT'S OKAY, DON'T MIND US.

LET'S LET THEM PLAY AS THEY LIKE.

THANKS!

WHERE SHOULD WE GO?

Yeah!

Y...

THERE'S EVEN A STREAM ON THE OTHER SIDE

It's so pretty!

Shiharu-tan, look! It's red—

They seem like very kind people...

come so quickly

would it ..?

No that

It wouldn't possibly..

Could it be

about the day
they'll take custody
of the twins?

..I wonder..
What they're
talking about..

Acorns—

The acorns are
so little and
round!

WAH...!

EH?

Doggie!

EH?!

MAYBE IT'S LOST... OR PERHAPS ABAN-DONED...

Doggie, doggie!

Kyaa— It's so cute!

EH...?!

A...

A PUPPY?!

...THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ONE

LOOKS AROUND

WH... WHERE IS ITS OWNER...?

MATSUNAGA-SAN,

WHAT SHOULD WE DO? IT MIGHT BE LOST... OR ABANDONED....

HUH? THAT DOG IS...?

HM?

WOOF WOOF!

I'LL GO ASK AT THE MANAGEMENT CENTER IF THE OWNER HAS BEEN THERE LOOKING FOR IT.

IT SEEMS ACCUSTOMED TO PEOPLE, SO I THINK IT'S OKAY, BUT.

IT ISN'T SNARLING OR ACTING LIKE IT'S GOING TO BITE, IS IT?

Z

APPROACH

Thank you very much!

AND GIVE IT A CHANCE TO SNIFF SNIFF OUR SCENT FIRST.

LET'S CROUCH DOWN LIKE THIS...

SNIFF SNIFF

IF YOU TOUCH A PUPPY FROM ABOVE, IT MIGHT GET SCARED AND BITE YOU, SO..

AOI-KUN,

AH!

ONE AT A TIME!

YOU KNOW A LOT ABOUT THIS, HUH?

THAT'S BECAUSE I USED TO HAVE A DOG LONG AGO—

It tickles!

MATSUNAGA-SAN!

LET'S BRING HIM OVER TO THE MANAGEMENT CENTER.

THEY SAID TO ATTACH HIM TO THIS LEASH TO KEEP HIM INSIDE THE PARK...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

AH...!

DING-DONG DING-DONG

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE, A LOST DOG HAS BEEN LOCATED.

He got them to broadcast it over the intercom.

THE PUPPY MIGHT BE THIRSTY, SO

LET'S BRING HIM TO A PLACE WHERE HE CAN GET A DRINK OF WATER.

Yeah!

DING-DONG DING-DONG♪

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE, A LOST DOG HAS BEEN LOCATED

PERKS UP!

わっ！

MUSASHI

MUSASHI

Maybe

it really is an abandoned dog

YOUR OWNER STILL HASN'T COME FOR YOU, HUH...

There you are—!

Musashi—!

...AH!

YES!

YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER HIM FOR ME RIGHT..?!

Thank you so much!

Not at all.

ARE YOU THE OWNER...?

LOVE SO LIFE

WELL THEN,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

I'M SO SORRY FOR HAVING TROUBLED YOU!

THIS IS OUR FIRST TIME GOING OUT FOR A WALK...

AND IT SEEMS HIS COLLAR WAS TOO LOOSE...

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN,

THE PUPPY FOUND HIS FAMILY——!

NOT TO WORRY! IT'S GOOD YOU WERE able TO FIND HIM.

GLANCE

ちら...

たたっ TROT

Tear's Up

Eh..

Don't

gooo!

Wa——gh!

Oh..!

HE'D FINALLY GOTTEN USED TO YOU,

AND YOU WANTED TO PLAY TOGETHER FOR A WHILE LONGER, RIGHT ...?

I SEE, THAT'S RIGHT...

Oh no..!

Z——..

Fwomp

はなして

Wa—gh!

MUSASHI-KUN ALSO HAS TO GO HOME AND HAVE DINNER—

BUT, YOU SEE,

I got carried away, worrying only about

what we'd do if he was abandoned....

Nooo——!

SCRATCH SCRATCH

I WONDER IF A STUFFED ANIMAL DOG WOULD MAKE HER FEEL BETTER

NOT AGAIN.

IT'S NOT AS IF WE COULD HAVE KEPT THE DOG.

H—M.

.....AH.

This.

This level of temper tantrum is not something that can be reasoned out by talking it through...?

WELL THEN, AKANE-CHAN,

HOW ABOUT YOU TRY PUTTING ALL THE THINGS THAT ARE UPSETTING YOU RIGHT HERE?

GOOD,

YOU PUT IT THERE!

DO THIS, AND

MAKE IT INTO A CIRCLE, AND

NOW THEN, I'LL JUST~~

LET IT FLY AWAY~~!

.....

⑤

→つづき

そんな訳で 自分は
取材には行けなかった
北海道でしたが、
とのさまりと
お土産を西と迷って
貰って、行ってもないのに
胃袋だけは北国を
楽しませて頂きました。

北海道は高校の
修旅で行ったきり
でしたが、食べものも
自然も夜景も
すばらしくて 大好きです。

何より エゾシマリスと
エゾモモンガの
可愛さは 奇跡
だと思います。
なんであんなかわいくて
なっちゃったんでしょう

後日 夏の終わりに
家族と行って生で
シマリス見て感動
しました。

妖精…？



...Yeah.

ARE THERE ANY MORE?

THEN...

AKANE-CHAN,

WON'T YOU GIVE A PORTION OF THOSE UPSETTING THINGS TO GRANDMA, TOO?

Here...




ANY MORE?


LET THEM FLY AWAY~~~


They flew really far away, right?
Yeah.


No more.
The upsetting things all flew away.

YOU DID A REALLY GOOD JOB SAYING GOODBYE LIKE A BIG BOY!

AOI-KUN ALSO WANTED TO PLAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER, HUH?

Yeah...

NAKAMURA-SAN, YOU...

AH... IT'S NOT YOUR FACE OR FEATURES, EXACTLY, BUT...

MY DAUGHTER ALSO LOVED CHILDREN.

SHE ALSO WAS HOPING TO BECOME A CHILDCARE WORKER...

AH...

I KIND OF UNDERSTAND HOW SHE FELT...

-EH...

YOU REMIND ME OF MY DAUGHTER.

JUST A BIT...

BUT... SHE SAID IT WAS HEARTBREAK-ING SEE'NG THE CHILDREN GRADUATE FROM KINDERGAR-TEN AND MOVE ON,

In the end, she worked at a photo studio for children,

SO SHE ENDED UP GIVING UP HALFWAY...

I WAS SO

WHEN SHE HAD CHILDREN OF HER OWN,

THAT'S WHY

WHEN YOU GET OLD, YOU BECOME EASILY MOVED TO TEARS.

GOODNESS... I'M SO SORRY.

AH..

HAPPY...

DRIP

About to Cry as Well

—That's right.

This person

lost her own child——...

However...

I also

really love the twins.

and they are

really really

precious to

me. but

This person,

more than me.

Much

Much...

However.

A precious treasure

has been left behind

AH...!

OH...

Fwomp

much more——...

I see.

YOU'RE STRONG, HUH, AOI?

PAT PAT PAT

ARE YOU OKAY, AOI?

SERIOUS

I'm okay!

Yeah! Stwong.

You're right. They're so tiny, huh?

Ah, Grandpa, there are ants!

These people

will surely

make the twins very

happy——..

still be able to

be together with the twins at that time

PARDON ME.

It's the fall of my second year of highschool.

CAREER-PATH GUIDANCE ROOM

Around this time next year,

I'll surely be right in the midst of entrance exams.

I wonder if I'll

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YES!

THIS WAY, I CAN WORK AT THE AFFILIATED DAYCARE DURING THE DAYTIME.

WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND IWANAMI UNIVERSITY'S EARLY CHILD-HOOD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SECOND DIVI-SION...

THE 3-YEAR NIGHT CLASS PROGRAM?

U—M... NAKAMURA-SAN, YOU...

Home Room Teacher

I'VE BEEN SAVING UP, JUST IN CASE.

AND BY THE TIME I GRADUATE, I SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH SAVED UP!

AH—— BUT THIS DEPARTMENT'S SECOND DIVI-SION DOESN'T HAVE ANY SCHOLAR-SHIPS.

WILL YOU BE OKAY? WITH TUITION AND SO ON?

I'M GRATEFUL FOR ANYTHING I CAN GET.

THAT SHOULD BE AROUND $2000, RIGHT——?

THAT WON'T EVEN COVER YOUR ENTRANCE FEES.

I'LL ALSO RECEIVE A PAYMENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHEN I LEAVE THE ORPHANAGE.

今回の成績

While working...

Hm~

I see

H—m

H—m

EVEN NOW, THANKS TO YOUR JOB, YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO STUDY, RIGHT?

BUT, WELL...

EH... THAT'S NOT...

I THINK...

WOULDN'T A SCHOOL WHERE YOU CAN GET A SCHOLAR-SHIP BE BETTER...?

SORRY! THAT'S NOT IT, IT'S JUST...

I WAS JUST THINKING HOW TOUGH LIFE IN THE REAL WORLD IS...

AH, NO!

To do it like this =

IT'LL BE TOO HARD... AFTER ALL?

I—

I'M DOING MY BEST, SO

NO MATTER WHAT, I REALLY WANT TO GO TO THIS SCHOOL...!

THE...

L...

LOCATION IS...

N...NO...

THAT'S NOT IT, BUT...

WHY? IS THERE A PROFESSOR YOU'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO?

IS...

THE LOCATION?

AHH .. IT'S CLOSE TO THE CITY WHERE YOU WANT TO LIVE, OR SOMETHING?

YES...

THAT'S CORRECT. I'M SORRY.

THAT SO...

NO~~~~

IT'S NO PROBLEM. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT TO CONSIDER...

I think so.

And in addition to that, this school

and many other qualifications, I compared them all

PLEASE EXCUSE ME

Average GPA of current students

employment rate after graduation

the major I want

with my marks when I was a kid

a very close

to the house I used to live in

After graduating from high school and leaving the orphanage

when I started out from
0 by myself

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The thought that the twins would no longer be here caused my heart to crack

THE APART-MENT WHERE I LIVED WITH MAMA, HUH?

I WONDER IF I COULD LIVE NEAR THERE

AH...

THAT'S RIGHT!

SOMETIME SOON, I'LL GO CHECK IT OUT.

If possible I'd like to do it in a city I'm familiar with

In order to have something to fill it with,

I want to prepare myself ahead of time

even if it's only a little

ALRIGHT, EVERYONE, ARE YOU READY——?

LET'S BEGIN PRACTICING OUR HOP-HOP EXERCISES——!

BEEP

Hop Hop

Hop Hop

The Bunny goes Hop-Hop!

hop
hop
hop
Huh?
Let your ears stand straight up!
AOI-KUN,
WHY AREN'T YOU DOING THE EXER-CISES WITH EVERYONE?
Shiharu tan
STARE...

That

is true

...

But, Ao-kun ...

Huh?

YOU'LL SURELY BECOME ABLE TO LOOK REALLY COOL WHILE DOING "COSMO KICK"!

AND IT WILL MAKE YOUR BODY STRONG.

BUT... THESE ARE MAKE-BELIEVE EXERCISES.

is not a Bunny-san...

COSMO KICK...

YEAH.

AOI-KUN SAYS REALLY MATURE THINGS SOMETIMES, HUH?

THANK GOODNESS.

Everyone Hop Hop Together

Alright.

I'll do it.

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...YEAH, I GUESS.

ONLY A LITTLE...

Not very clearly

HEY, NAO-KUN.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT . WHAT YOU'LL DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL ?

EH? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO SMART?

I'M NOT PARTICULARLY SMART. I DON'T HATE STUDYING, BUT...

ANYWAYS, I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY.

WILL YOU CONTINUE WITH YOUR STUDIES?

I SEE!

No

I'LL START WORKING.

I DON'T WANT TO CREATE A DEBT TO ANYONE.

EH...

EH... BUT, WHAT ABOUT FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLAR-SHIPS AND SO ON, THERE ARE A LOT OF—

FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL WORK LIKE CRAZY FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS AND SAVE UP MONEY.

EH ...?

AND AFTER THAT, IF I STILL WANT TO CON-TINUE WITH MY EDUCATION,

MAYBE I'LL TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAMS THEN...

...I SEE...

What would you do if I told you I love you?

EH?

Up we go

AH!

MORE IM-PORTANTLY, YOU—

OPEN

ON THE SCHOOL TRIP—

AH----

I'M STARVED ----

He...

He was there all along?!

THAT WAS CLOSE!

Sorry did we wake you up?

REALLY?

Ah, Haruka chan

MASAKI-KUN, THERE ARE STILL SOME LEFTOVERS FROM DINNER.

NICE ♫

RATTLE

RATTLE

the grocery store and bookstore in front of the station...

The dentist,

the flower shop,

I might have been young, but that house is implanted in my memories——...

THE NEXT STOP IS—

YANO-HANA——

I WONDER HOW THE NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN DOING ...

FWOOSH

EH...

HUH??

TH...

THIS IS...

WHERE AM I?!

.....

DAIKOKU

WAH!

Where are the flower shop, the grocery store and the dentist...?!

THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE STATION HAS GOTTEN VERY BEAUTIFUL AS WELL...!

THE TRAIN STATION IS...

QUITE DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...

It's become multi-leveled

I'll bring you to the library instead!

It isn't here anymore, huh...

SUNKOS

IT'S BECOME A CONVENIENCE STORE...

AH...

THIS IS WHERE THE BOOKSTORE USED TO BE.

No way! I just bought you one the other day didn't I?!

Mama! Buy me a picture book!

it's like a

completely different city.

Ah...

But,

The road has been repaved and looks very nice...

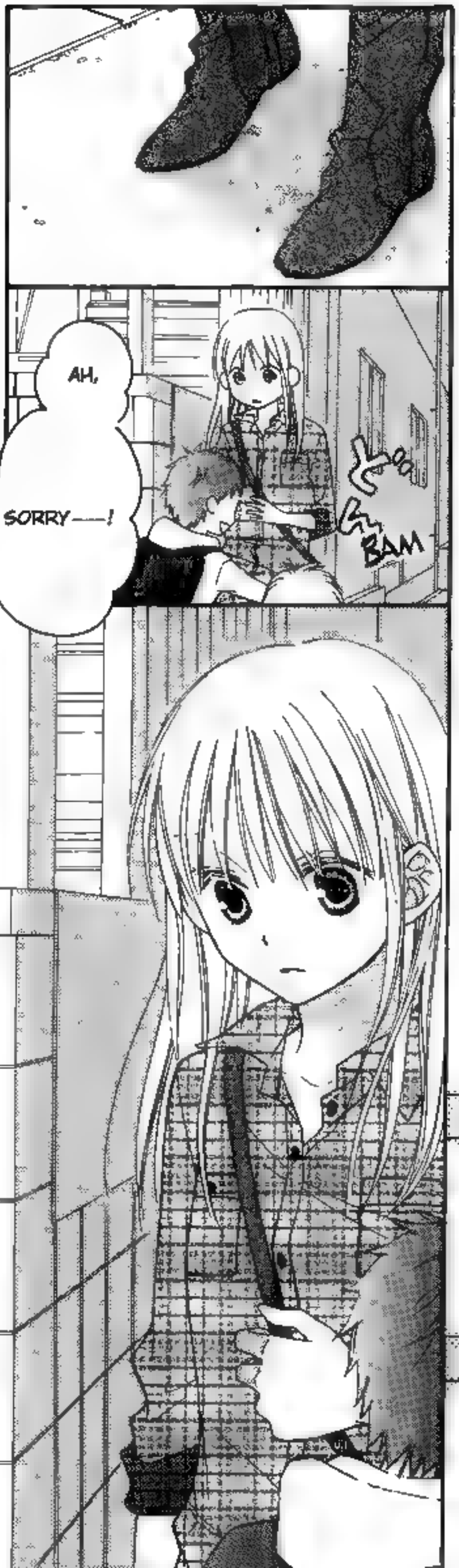
THERE IS NEW CONSTRUCTION EVERYWHERE...

but, the residential area might not have changed so much...

If I just turn here——...

Thank goodness...

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that a lot has changed.

In that case, it's only to be expected

after all.

10 years have already passed.

More than

see.

That's right, huh?

We're home ——!

And anyways,

it was a pretty old apartment building....

Mama, hurry, hurry! The ice cream is going to melt!

It's okay! Even if you don't pull me like that

Hurry unlock the door!

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THE DOORS ARE CLOSING.

PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO ENTER THE TRAIN AT THIS TIME.

A TRAIN IS ARRIVING AT GATE 1.

PLEASE WAIT BEHIND THE WHITE LINE.

A TRAIN IS ARRIVING AT GATE 2.

PLEASE WAIT BEHIND THE WHITE LINE.

(6)

最後の柱になって
しまいました。
ラブソラについて少し
以前、9巻で「もう
ちょっとでオワリかな…」
と描いたら お手紙で
「やだやだそんな事
おわらせないで～な」
という内容のものを頂い
たのですが（ありがとう～。）
すいません、そんなスグ
には終わらないです。

ただ自分の中でこの先の
ラストまでの内容が
決まっている所まで来た
ので、そういう意味での
「オワリかな」だったのです

読んでくれてる方を
心配させるような発言
してしまいすいませんでした
いや、いつかは終わるん
ですけどね…。^^;

ちゃんと順を追って
終わらせられる様に
がんばりたいと
思います。

それでは
乞ご期待にて―！

こうち楓



GOOD EVEN-ING.

AH,

the bunny goes hop

I WONDER IF SOMETHING GOOD HAPPENED TODAY?

DO

BA-THUMP

GOOD EVENING, MATSUNAGA-SAN!

AKANE-CHAN, AOI-KUN!

Ah,

it's Sei-tan.

AKANE, AOI,

LET'S GO HOME!

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YOU'VE WORKED HARD, MATSUNAGA-SAN.

YOU TOO, NAKAMURA-SAN.

...

EHHHHHH?!!

Let's go home!

Shiharu-tan, Sei-tan is here——

I'M SORRY, TODAY WE CAN'T GO HOME TOGETHER.

NAKAMURA-SAN?

YES?

...

...?

...WHAT HAPPENED?

You won't make eye contact.

WHAT HAPPENED?

WH...

WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN?

GASP

If I'm always,

AH

SORRY FOR KEEP-ING YOU WAITING

always

I can't

?

I can't

My body's power

is going to fade out completely

always

looking to Matsunaga-san for everything.

I can't.

I can't.

AH.

SHOVE

AHHH--

GASP

KYAA—?!

SLAM

...EH.



Matsunaga-san

to see

how weak

I am right now



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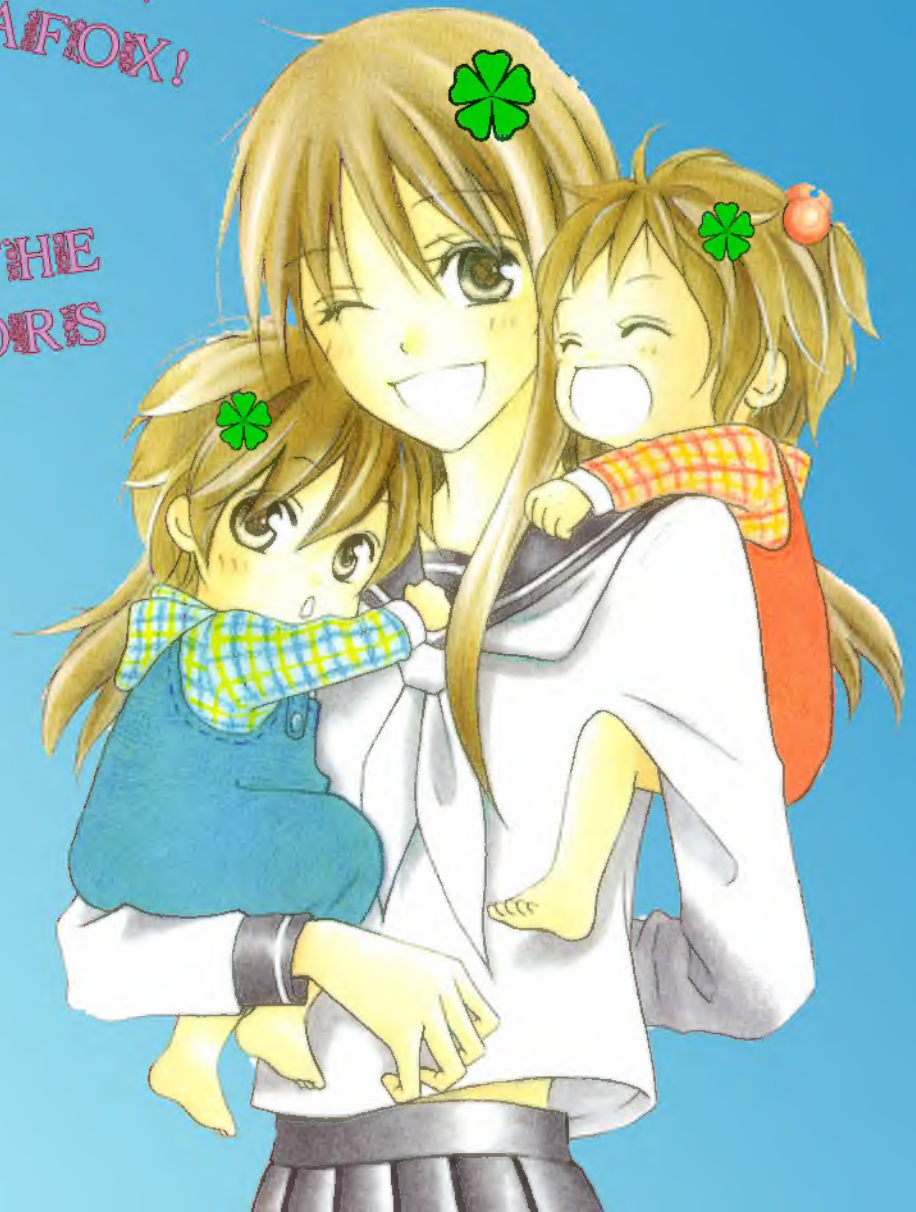


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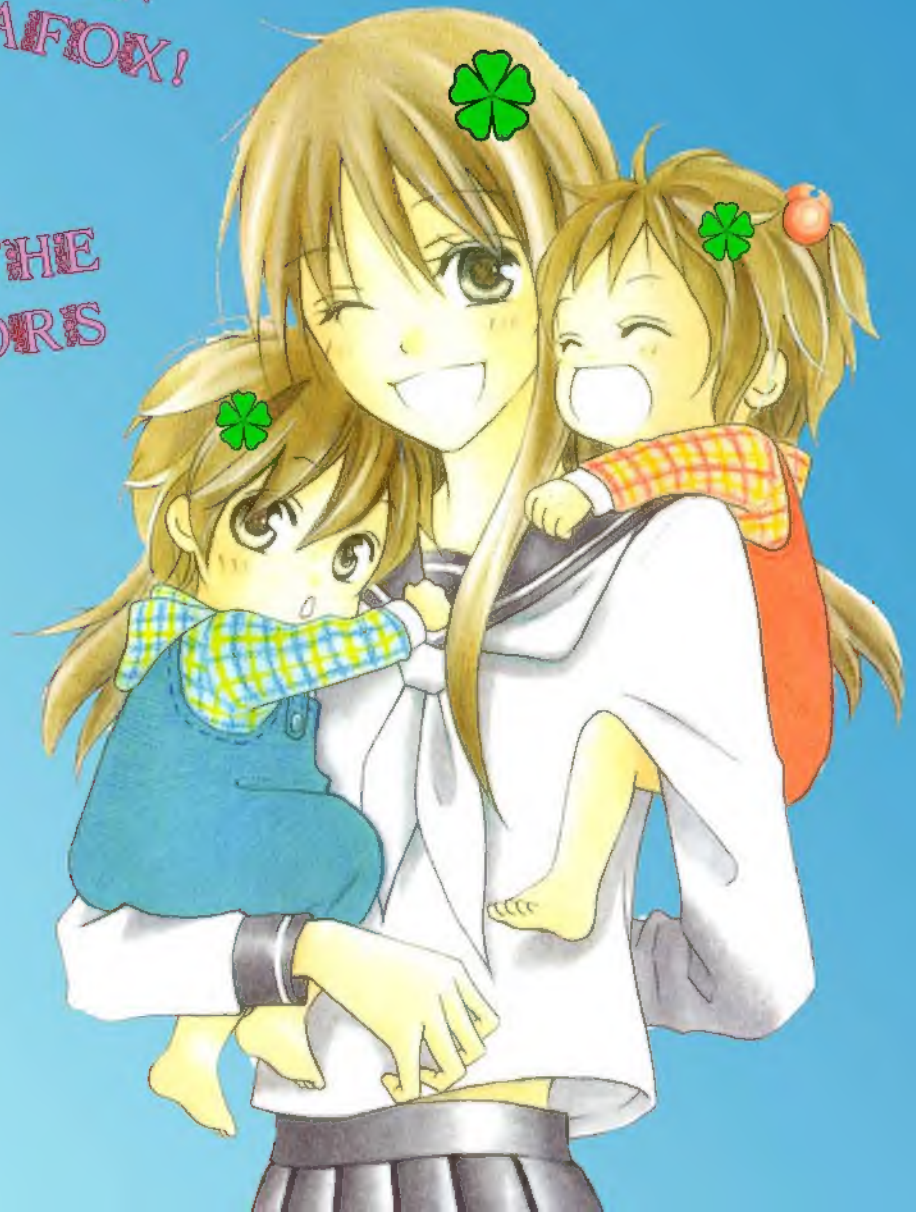
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